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FOR FBO CLEM RALSTON AND EUR/EX JOAN CLARK

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SUBJ: NEW RESIDENCE

REF: A. MEMCON, A/FBO, 1-24-74, SUBJ: BUCHAREST -

B. BUCHAREST 3210

1. BY HAPPY COINCIDENCE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES (ODCD) FINALLY CAME THROUGH WITH LONG-PROMISED HOUSE FOR US TO INSPECT ON FIRST FULL DAY OF VIC RUSSILLO'S STAY HERE. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED PLANS IN TIME TO HAVE THEM IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE ARRIVES BACK THERE. WE EXPECT TO HAVE RENTAL DATA BY NOVEMBER 1. (ODCD INFORMAL CALCULATION IS TWICE RENTAL FOR PRESENT HOUSE.) IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING TWENTY PERCENT MORE INTERIOR SPACE, THIS NEW HOUSE PROVIDES IT IN A MUCH RPT MUCH BETTER ORGANIZED FORM AND IN ADDITION OFFERS THE SUBSTANTIAL OUTSIDE SPACE WHICH THE PRESENT HOUSE LACKS ALTOGETHER.

(10,656 RESIDENTIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE AGAINST 8,718 IN PRESENT RESIDENCE; 53,820 SQ FT GARDEN, DRIVEWAYS, ETC AGAINST PRESENT 7,178 SQ FT.) IT IS BY FAR THE BEST THING WE HAVE SEEN YET AND COMPARES VERY FAVORABLY WITH THE BEST RESIDENCES OF OTHER EMBASSIES HERE.

ODCD DIRECTOR SAYS NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT ANYWHERE ON THE HORIZON. VIC TELLS ME HE IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY HOW WELL BUILT THE HOUSE IS AND BY ITS PRESENT GOOD CONDITION. HE WILL BE PROVIDING A MORE DETAILED REPORT

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TO YOU UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

2. ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO SHOW THE HOUSE  
TO NO ONE ELSE UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER. IN LIGHT OF  
OUR JANUARY DISCUSSION (REF A) AND EXPERIENCE  
SINCE MY RETURN, I URGE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION  
WITHIN THAT TIME LIMIT.  
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